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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the abstract with the following rewritten abstract.

A method of selecting a link set for routing a message in a telecommunications network, that does not require in sequence delivery, according to a destination point code, a signaling link selection code and a link selector value ~~including a destination point code and a signaling link selection code~~ includes the steps of maintaining a link selector value in a telecommunications network memory, determining that the message does not require in sequence delivery, and selecting the link set according to the destination point code, the signaling link selection code, and the link selector value. The link selector value is incremented from a minimum, initial value, to a maximum value so as to point to sequential links in a link set, and then reset to the minimum value. A memory node includes a link selector memory for maintaining the link selector value. A telecommunications network for routing a message includes a sending node in electronic communication with a memory node and a receiving node. The memory node includes a load sharing memory having a list of load sharing link sets in the network, a signaling link memory for storing signaling link selection codes, and a link selector memory for maintaining a link selector value. The receiving node receives the message over the selected load sharing link set addressed by the link selector value.